

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren and Angel attending. Others attending were Chief Webber; Comm. Gray; Supt. Givens; Sgt. Allyn; Mike Feltz - Clark Dietz; Ron McGillem - Shell; Bueford Deig - First United Methodist Church and Jamie Grabert - Posey County News.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilwoman Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Councilman Angel moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Sewage \$ 25,601.26

Payroll 159,538.02

General, MVHF, Pol Pension, Fire Pension, Insurance 195,637.28

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Supt. Givens stated he got in contact with Pump Consultants about the B & M lift station they discussed at their previous meeting.

Mayor Knowles stated this is the lift station that the Board is considering taking over, but before they do, they want to be sure the lift station is up to the city standards. She added inadequacies were discovered, and she has asked Attorney Funkhouser to write a letter to Mr. Gillenwater about upgrading the station to city standards.

Supt. Givens added that Tell City had the same problem with a lift station they took over and they had some bad issues with theirs, it caused a lot of problems.

Mayor Knowles agreed that before the city takes anything over, it should be up to city standards.

Supt. Givens then reported the air conditioning is shot and running warm. He added he would

also like to replace the window unit in the old lab, and he believes he can do that for around \$200.00. He added that may be enough to get them by, but they also need new units in the control room and the lab, it is just too hot out there. He added the big unit really needs fixed as well.

Mayor Knowles stated she thinks she may be getting a little confused, but is he saying that is the big unit is fixed, that would solve all the air conditioning problems at the plant?

Supt. Givens replied that even when the unit is working right, it has never cooled properly due to no duct work.

Mayor Knowles suggested he get a budgetary estimate on a big unit, due to the purchase price, they need to know which bidding process to take.

Supt. Givens stated he knows a gentleman he call for that.

Supt. Givens continued his report by stating Brandon Epison has taken one course, and now he needs books to take another course toward his certification test. He stated Ivy Tech has the books he needs and wondered how to go about purchasing them.

Mayor Knowles suggested he get the final price and ask Miss Bennett to prepare a check that he can take to go get the books.

Councilman Angel moved purchase of books be allowed, by check prepared by Miss Bennett. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles also then moved that Supt. Givens be permitted to purchase a window unit air conditioner for the old lab. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Angel then moved that once Supt. Givens has bids/quotes back on the big air conditioning unit, he get with Mayor Knowles on what is best and get that rolling, as it is an emergency at this point. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Webber stated, speaking of air conditioning, the unit upstairs at the fire department is totally out. He added right now he has only talked with Shephard Services about it, though he had asked two or three others and got no response. He stated the unit had been out since May. He then stated it seems there will have to be a total replacement: AC unit

and gas furnace. He added that the unit they have now, the parts are only available through special order and are extremely hard to get, but the entire unit is shot. He added he does have a quote from Shephard.

Councilwoman Askren asked if he had money in his budget for this ?

Chief Webber replied he may have to put this on the back burner as he had several unforeseen things come up this week.

Mayor Knowles stated that area is now useable space and it needs to be heated.

Councilman Angel agreed and added the police department has their evidence room up there as well.

Chief Webber then stated the ice machine is also on the fritz, and Shephard has it right now for repair. He added he does have two quotes on a new one: Shaphard and Alpine Ice Company. He stated Alpine quoted a machine that will produce 300 pounds of ice a day for right at the same price that Shephard quoted one that will produce 69 pounds of ice. He stated he has talked with all the city departments to see if they would benefit from the ice, as he was thinking that all city departments could use it and possibly go in together on the purchase.

Mayor Knowles added most of the departments purchase ice anyway.

Chief Webber also stated the fire department would never use 300 pounds of ice in one day.

Councilwoman Askren asked if any of the departments got back with him ?

Chief Webber replied no, none of them did. He stated he is willing to purchase it as he has money in the furniture line.

Comm. Gray stated the street department and the water department would definitely benefit from that.

Mayor Knowles asked if Supt Givens would ?

Supt. Givens replied yes.

Chief Webber stated Shephard's price was \$1750 and Alpine Ice was \$1847, and they are cutting the city a heck of a deal on that machine. He added that if the other departments want to go in, the price would be around \$500.00 each.

Mayor Knowles moved the Board approve the purchase of the Alpine Ice ice machine.
Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

Supt. Givens questioned if the purchase of the ice machine would be easier being done through the sewer department ?

Chief Webber replied no, he is positive, the man they are buying from had a father that was a firefighter, that is why they got such a good deal.

Supt. Givens then stated a few weeks ago, Koorsen came down to inspect the extinguishers and there were seven or eight that the man said would be illegal to tag because they were outdated.

Chief Webber replied that is correct, they can not tag them if they are outdated because some of the chemicals can go bad after time.

Supt. Givens stated that being the case they need to purchase seven extinguishers, and the man from Koorsen said they do not take the old ones and suggested the employees could take them home if they wanted.

Mayor Knowles replied no, no, no, she does not like the sound of that.

Chief Webber agreed and added Koorsen is supposed to take them.

Mayor Knowles moved Supt. Givens be permitted to purchase new fire extinguishers. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Gray replied that he would like to get permission to start looking at purchasing some pick ups, three actually. He stated Asst. St. Comm. Miller is currently using street sign as the floor board in his truck.

Mayor Knowles stated he needs to be sure he goes through the right process.

Comm. Gray stated small to mid size was what he had in mind.

Councilwoman Askren moved Comm. Gray be permitted to start the process of purchasing two new small to mid size pick ups. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sgt. Allyn stated she has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated the first item on the Legal portion of the Agenda is action, for the record, on the fire department pick up truck bids, that were NOT received a few meetings ago. She stated this was actually the second time they went through the bid process, the first time the bids turned in were illegal and this time no one responded, so for the record, Chief Webber can now go to the open market for a vehicle.

Chief Webber stated he has now found a vehicle, though he can not get in touch with Attorney Funkhouser after two phone calls, and he will not return his phone calls. He stated he finally took it upon himself to just start going to the banks to get quotes on the financing. He added Mike French at First Bank had the best deal at 4.25%, though all the banks quoted and all the banks add a \$100-\$200 fee to process the loan, except First Bank. He stated the payments would be \$10,988 for three years, and he is looking at a 2006 F250 crew cab for \$33,888. He stated the truck is basic with cloth interior and it is four wheel drive to be able to pull the Surrey trailer.

Mayor Knowles moved Chief Webber proceed with the purchasing process on the truck and she will get with Attorney Funkhouser to find out why there was no contact back from him. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated next on the Agenda is Bob Rogge about a chili cook off, but she does not see him in the audience. She added she will contact him about being at the next meeting.

Mayor Knowles stated the next item is Bueford Deig with the First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Deig stated the church is going to having a Good News Festival and inviting the community to come and share the good new of Jesus with them. He stated the festival will be held on August 20-21, 2005. He continued by stating they will be setting up a tent on the lot at 7th and College and in the morning on the 20th they will have a local flea market and in the afternoon/evening (5-9 pm) they will have two praise bands. He added they will be going door to door to the neighbors and letting them know about the bands. He then stated they would like to have 6th Street blocked from Main to College and use it and the sidewalks for the kids to do sidewalk chalk and showcase their art work - actually they would need that street blocked for the entire day on the 20th.

Comm. Gray replied that is fine.

Mr. Deig then stated at Wesley Hall from 10-2 they are having service agencies come in with information booths, and the city can set up a booth as well.

Mayor Knowles replied that is a good idea, put the city down for a spot.

Mr. Deig then stated in the classrooms they will be having classes on clabber, bridge, quilting, etc. He then stated from 11-1 they will have a free lunch, for the public, and there

will also be a golf outing at Western Hills Country Club, with funds raised to go to a church in Indonesia that was destroyed in the tsunami. He added on Sunday they will need 15 or so volunteers for two to three hours maybe to perform maintenance at the Imagination Station, city park, etc.

Mayor Knowles stated those are all good ideas, but the problem her Girl Scout troop worked on once was trash and they collected 144 bags of trash, litter is a big issue.

Mr. Deig agreed and added that at noon on Sunday there will be a free community lunch with ham loaves. He concluded by stating that in the afternoon on Sunday there will be evangelism team visits. He stated really the only thing they need from the city is barricades on 6th from Main to College, and they will provide their certificate of insurance.

Mayor Knowles moved First United Methodist Church be permitted to hold their Good News Festival on August 20-21, 2005, with 6th Street being barricaded the entire day. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Deig thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Mayor Knowles stated the next item is ratifying settlement terms from their Executive Session on 6/27/05 in reference to Bristol Meyers.

Councilwoman Askren moved the Board accept the terms that were discussed in the Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated the next item is Ron McGillem with Shell.

Mr. McGillem stated he is the contractor building the new Shell convenience store at 402 E. 4th Street, and he is present to ask for a sewer tap. He added he will use the same sewer that already exists at the site, though he was told he still needed to appear today. It is not a new tap and they will be using the existing water and sewer.

Supt. Givens stated usually utility fees are paid before a building permit is issued, but that did not happen in this case. He then stated he thinks there is an existing lateral there, but again, his fee will be based on the square footage of the new facility.

Mr. McGillem replied that actually the new building will be right about the same size as the old one with a bigger store area and no car wash.

Supt. Givens stated he has checked into it.

Mr. McGillem stated this is turning out to be a drawn out process, though it is not a brand new location.

Mayor Knowles asked if he already has his building permit.

Mr. McGillem replied yes, but he has nothing from Area Plan yet, they are waiting on approval from the city before they go forward. He added he just today got the water tap approved, verbally.

Mayor Knowles stated they could approve the tap contingent on she and Supt. Givens looking at the ordinance and talking with Attorney Funkhouser to agree on a tap fee.

Mr. McGillem stated that he could have a check down here tomorrow.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

Supt. Givens questioned if they are putting in a grease trap ?

Ms. McGillem replied they are going to have a cash and carry pizza part in the store, and those pizzas will be baked, not much grease, though he understands Supt. Givens indicated they still need one.

Mayor Knowles stated that information is also in the ordinance, or he would prefer, he could go to the City of Mount Vernon website and access the ordinance on line.

Councilwoman Askren moved they approve the tap contingent on Mayor Knowles meeting and Supt. Givens on the ordinance and then getting with Attorney Funkhouser on the cost of the fee. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated the final item on the Agenda is signing the Tile Factory Road agreement with Clark Dietz. She stated this is needed by INDOT to let them know that the city has chosen Clark Dietz as their engineering firm on this project.

Mike Feltz approached the Board and introduced himself and by stating as Mayor Knowles had that this is needed by INDOT.

Mayor Knowles stated these formal documents will be sent to INDOT that the city chose Clark Dietz for this project.

Councilwoman Askren moved Board approve agreement and sign. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles then stated they had a problem with this project. Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe had at the end of June sent INDOT a \$23,000 check and for some reason it either got there late, was held up, something, but they need a two week notice to proceed and at that rate work had to be started before July 25th in order to be finished by the time school

starts. She then stated the estimated finish date is August 18th, three days after school starts.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board.

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles stated under Old Business, she has three invoices from Bernardin Lochmueller, the former engineer on the Tile Factory Road project, and she would like the Board to look at them and get their opinion on whether they wish to pay them. She added the three together amount to less than \$2,000.00, but the city has already spent over \$110,000 and she does not feel the city owes them another dime.

Councilwoman Askren stated she is not willing to pay it.

Councilman Angel stated it appears though that they performed a service.

Mayor Knowles agreed but stated from these invoices one can not tell what they did.

Councilman Angel wondered if they could contact BLA for some invoices that are in "English".

Mayor Knowles replied they have tried. Ms. Cannato called them three weeks ago and they were supposed to have sent the original contract, which the city never had.

Councilwoman Askren stated if there is no contract, they should not pay it. She added she feels the city should pay for what they have asked for and what they have received, but there is no contract in this case and no clear language, no.

Councilman Angel agreed on nonpayment.

Mayor Knowles stated she will put them in file for now.

Mayor Knowles stated at the last meeting she had asked the Board for approval to get a gas card instead of using mileage claims. She added in the meantime, Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe talked with the State Board of Accounts auditor and she feels that a gas card is never given for a personal vehicle. She added she had no intention of any wrong doing, and as a result, her mileage claims will be used again, with Ms. Cannato filling them out for her. She added the Board had also given Chief Webber to do the same in the absence of a department vehicle, but he has discontinued as well.

Chief Webber left the meeting.

Mayor Knowles added she never applied for that card.

Councilman Angel stated they need to discuss upping what the city pays for mileage.

Mayor Knowles agreed and she talked with the SBA auditor about that as well and she indicated that the city is way under and they should be paying around \$.34 per mile. She added the Board of Works needs to recommend that change to the Council for an

amendment to the ordinance.

Councilman Angel moved the Board recommend to the Council amending the travel expense ordinance to up the mileage paid to the state standard. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles then stated she has talked with Attorney Funkhouser about looking into re-leasing the fire truck again, or amending the lease. She added they did that last year and saved quite a bit.

Councilwoman Askren moved Attorney Funkhouser work on saving the city money by re-leasing the fire truck. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated she would like permission to look into getting a laptop. She stated that on August 10, 2005 at Wesley Hall, there will be a hearing on the possible closing of the License Branch and she and the county would like to do a power point presentation. She added if she can not get one before that hearing, it would still come in handy during council meetings when they need a visual via the GIS.

Councilwoman Askren asked if she has it in her budget ?

Mayor Knowles replied no, not in hers, but maybe if all the departments went in they could find the money somewhere.

Councilman Angel moved permission be given, if she can find the money. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe

Clerk-Treasurer